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Dear Harold,

Your letter to Knoll of "The Progressive" was a gem and a classic exposition of the bias against the state of Israel. How long, O Lord, how long, will the anti-Semites see the mote in Israel's eye and not the gleam (?) in their own!

So was your letter to Frontline. How can the Gentile world be so obstinate (biased) in refusing to accept the truth that it's the Arabs and not the Israelis who refuse to make peace. They would rather believe the lie than the truth.

All that you have written (as well as the enclosed columns) fall on deaf ears and blind eyes. As the proverb goes: "You can chase a lie around the world with a thousand truths and never catch it."

(I have copied your two letters and will mail it "around the world." You said it better and more succinctly than I've ever heard or seen it before. It was truthfully and beautifully said. Was it Keats who wrote: "Truth is beauty and beauty is truth, that's all there is and all there is to know."

Now about your question about your roots. Unlike you, I'm not seriously interested in "where I came from". Baranovka is a shtetle in western Ukraine. It's not in Moldavia. Where Moldavia has changed hands ~~between~~ between Russia and Romania several times (now it's Russian), Zitomir and Baranovka were always Ukraenian (Russian) territory. The Slue River was the boundry ~~between~~ between Russia and Poland until WW II. Now it's Russian passed Rovno an L'vov (Lamberg). Stalin grabbed all that territory when Hitler invaded Poland, as a buffer. And after the war Stalin grabbed Moldovia and much more from Romania.

As it now appears, political tremors could once again reshuffle geography — and it will not be peaceful.

Why do you want to know about your antecedents? As for me it's "le deluge"! All I know is that I was born in Kiev. My ancestors originated with the Khazan (Chazars). Were raped by the Cossacks repeatedly, and somehow retained a drop of Jewish blood to be hated by the anti-Semites.

In conclusion, I will not rest until my good friend, Harold, writes that book "YOU AND I — THE CIA and THE FBI." TEMPUS FUGIT, SHALOM! Joe